CROSSWORD
No. 15,493 Set by JULIUS

ACROSS
1 Project completed for Chinese government (8)
6 Great tackle stifles goal attempt (6)
9 Representative of “The People’s Bishop” involved in court case (6)
10 News at Ten interrupts a Liberal citizen (8)
11 Low-scoring draw between France and Japan briefly reported in The Nation (4)
12 She answers a higher calling during turbulent times! (3,7)
14 Lops head off plant (8)
16 Blades come from this mighty club! (4)
18 Rose Cottage finally gets drive connection (4)
19 The Spanish mutiny about working early (8)
21 Horrid giant rodent’s first seen after spring. Horrid giant rodent! (7,3)
22 The last character to be chauffeured, like Julius in St. Petersburg? (4)
24 Boycott, opener for England and Yorkshire, gutted to get injury (5,3)
26 Am I to be sacked from paper, folding in the spring? (6)
27 Sci-fi series rejected pitch featuring a dash of nudity (6)
28 Tense scenes! Dr. Seuss put in prison! (8)

DOWN
2 Giuseppe burned, shedding skin (5)
3 Dump run down old banger (7,4)
4, 20 The ratings are bound to go up after this broadcast (3,5,2,4)
5 Quarel with sergeant about battle order (7,8)
6, 17 I toast sanction-busting call to arms (6,8)
7 Take wickets of openers, getting a pair (3)
8 Faithfully recorded Callas performing outside broadcast on Radio Three (9)
13 For the doctor’s travel magazine, a feature penned by Julius (4,7)
15 Randy (a bloke from Riga) picked up a bit of litter (9)
17 See 6
20 See 4
23 Say goodbye to Fatty; take some exercise! (5)
25 McQueen regularly used a prompt (3)

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A G O O D F E W F O R B A D
R E Z I R L E I
D O G O O N E D U C A T O R
U N G S K T L
I N H E R E N T L Y T H I S
D E R E L I E
O F F S E T E T O N M E S S
T U I V P T
F R O G S P I T E X T O R T
A O R I
O V E R T H U N D E R I N G
E C U R E G
A G N U S D E I A N T H E M
A B O S W R N
I N G E A R M O N M O U N T H